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Sir:

Attached herewith is an English translation of the above-identified patent application.

Prior to action on the merits, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks: